

## **Pleiotropy across academic subjects at the end of compulsory education**

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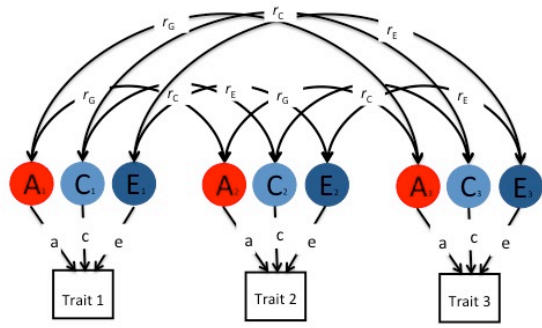
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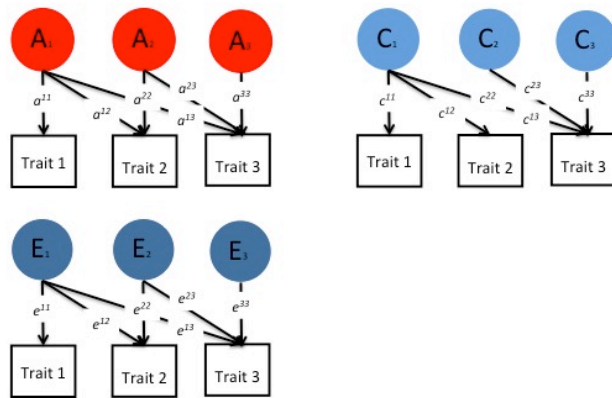
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- Correlated factor solution (a)



- Cholesky decomposition (b)



**Supplementary Figure S1.** Multivariate model of additive genetic (A), shared environmental (C) and non-shared environmental (E) contributions to the covariance between traits. Two algebraically equivalent representations of the multivariate model are shown: (a) correlated factor solution of genetic correlation ( $r_G$ ), shared environmental correlation ( $r_C$ ) and non-shared environmental correlation ( $r_E$ ) and b) Cholesky decomposition.

**Supplementary Table S1.** Model fitting results for univariate analyses for GCSE exam results and intelligence twin intraclass correlations, and additive genetic (A), shared environmental (C) and non-shared environmental (E) components of variance for GCSE language achievement (95% confidence intervals in parentheses). MZ=monozygotic twin pairs; DZ=dizygotic twin pairs, DZss= dizygotic same sex twin pairs; DSos=dizygotic opposite sex twin pairs

	<u>Twin correlations</u>						
	<b>MZ</b>	<b>DZ</b>	<b>DZss</b>	<b>DZos</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>E</b>
Intelligence	0.61 (0.57-0.66)	0.33 (0.28-0.38)	0.35 (0.28-0.42)	0.30 (0.22-0.38)	0.56 (0.43-0.65)	0.05 (0.01-0.16)	0.39 (0.35-0.43)
English	0.81 (0.80-0.83)	0.51 (0.48-0.53)	0.55 (0.51-0.58)	0.47 (0.44-0.51)	0.62 (0.58-0.67)	0.20 (0.15-0.24)	0.18 (0.17-0.19)
Mathematics	0.81 (0.80-0.83)	0.48 (0.46-0.51)	0.52 (0.48-0.55)	0.45 (0.41-0.48)	0.65 (0.60-0.70)	0.16 (0.11-0.21)	0.19 (0.17-0.20)
Science	0.76 (0.74-0.78)	0.48 (0.45-0.50)	0.48 (0.44-0.52)	0.48 (0.43-0.51)	0.56 (0.51-0.62)	0.20 (0.15-0.25)	0.24 (0.22-0.25)
Humanities	0.75 (0.73-0.77)	0.48 (0.45-0.51)	0.52 (0.48-0.56)	0.44 (0.40-0.48)	0.54 (0.48-0.61)	0.21 (0.15-0.26)	0.25 (0.23-0.26)
Second language	0.76 (0.74-0.79)	0.48 (0.44-0.51)	0.53 (0.48-0.57)	0.43 (0.37-0.48)	0.56 (0.48-0.63)	0.20 (0.13-0.27)	0.24 (0.22-0.26)
Art	0.72 (0.69-0.75)	0.44 (0.40-0.49)	0.51 (0.44-0.56)	0.38 (0.30-0.45)	0.54 (0.44-0.66)	0.18 (0.07-0.27)	0.28 (0.25-0.31)
Business informatics	0.70 (0.66-0.74)	0.41 (0.36-0.46)	0.49 (0.42-0.55)	0.33 (0.24-0.40)	0.56 (0.45-0.68)	0.14 (0.03-0.24)	0.30 (0.27-0.34)

**Supplementary Table S2.** Model fitting results for univariate analyses for GCSE exam results after correcting for intelligence, twin intraclass correlations, and additive genetic (A), shared environmental (C) and non-shared environmental (E) components of variance for GCSE language achievement (95% confidence intervals in parentheses). MZ=monozygotic twin pairs; DZ=dizygotic twin pairs, DZss= dizygotic same sex twin pairs; DSos=dizygotic opposite sex twin pairs

	<u>Twin correlations</u>				<b>A</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>E</b>
	<b>MZ</b>	<b>DZ</b>	<b>DZss</b>	<b>DZos</b>			
English	0.70 (0.65-0.73)	0.41 (0.35-0.45)	0.46 (0.40-0.52)	0.34 (0.26-0.41)	0.58 (0.47-0.70)	0.11 (0.01-0.21)	0.31 (0.27-0.34)
Mathematics	0.68 (0.64-0.71)	0.43 (0.38-0.48)	0.47 (0.40-0.53)	0.39 (0.31-0.46)	0.45 (0.33-0.56)	0.22 (0.12-0.31)	0.33 (0.30-0.37)
Science	0.69 (0.65-0.73)	0.42 (0.37-0.47)	0.40 (0.32-0.46)	0.45 (0.37-0.52)	0.51 (0.40-0.64)	0.15 (0.05-0.26)	0.34 (0.28-0.35)
Humanities	0.67 (0.63-0.72)	0.42 (0.36-0.48)	0.45 (0.37-0.52)	0.39 (0.30-0.47)	0.52 (0.39-0.65)	0.16 (0.04-0.27)	0.32 (0.28-0.36)
Second language	0.68 (0.65-0.73)	0.42 (0.35-0.49)	0.46 (0.35-0.54)	0.40 (0.30-0.50)	0.48 (0.32-0.64)	0.19 (0.05-0.33)	0.33 (0.28-0.38)
Art	0.67 (0.60-0.72)	0.42 (0.32-0.51)	0.51 (0.39-0.61)	0.29 (0.12-0.43)	0.50 (0.30-0.70)	0.17 (0.01-0.34)	0.33 (0.27-0.40)
Business informatics	0.61 (0.53-0.69)	0.34 (0.22-0.45)	0.37 (0.21-0.52)	0.31 (0.14-0.45)	0.49 (0.23-0.66)	0.11 (0.01-0.33)	0.40 (0.33-0.48)

**Supplementary Table S3.** Multivariate model fitting results for Cholesky decomposition for GCSE exam grades and intelligence, with 95% confidence intervals in the parenthesis, demonstrating the standardized squared paths for the genetic component of the variance.

	<b>A1</b>	<b>A2</b>	<b>A3</b>	<b>A4</b>	<b>A5</b>	<b>A6</b>	<b>A7</b>	<b>A8</b>
Intelligence	0.55 (0.45-0.61)							
English	0.26 (0.19-0.34)	0.34 (0.26-0.40)						
Mathematics	0.29 (0.23-0.38)	0.08 (0.03-0.13)	0.24 (0.19-0.26)					
Science	0.21 (0.14-0.30)	0.11 (0.05-0.16)	0.06 (0.02-0.08)	0.17 (0.14-0.21)				
Humanities	0.17 (0.18-0.25)	0.22 (0.15-0.29)	0.01 (0.01-0.03)	0.00 (0.00-0.01)	0.09 (0.05-0.12)			
Second language	0.20 (0.13-0.29)	0.20 (0.19-0.27)	0.01 (0.00-0.03)	0.00 (0.00-0.01)	0.00 (0.00-0.01)	0.14 (0.09-0.18)		
Art	0.10 (0.04-0.18)	0.12 (0.05-0.21)	0.01 (0.00-0.03)	0.00 (0.00-0.01)	0.00 (0.00-0.03)	0.00 (0.00-0.02)	0.29 (0.21-0.35)	
Business informatics	0.16 (0.09-0.26)	0.11 (0.09-0.19)	0.02 (0.00-0.05)	0.01 (0.00-0.03)	0.00 (0.00-0.02)	0.00 (0.00-0.02)	0.01 (0.00-0.04)	0.18 (0.09-0.24)